

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISHING AND BRIDGING
OF SEMI-PRIVATE PEER NETWORKS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for establishing and bridging semi-private peer networks is provided. According to an embodiment of the invention, there is provided a method, member peer node and computer program product to establish a semi-private peer network using encrypted or otherwise obfuscated keys and a connection list identifying members of the semi-private peer network defined by an organizing entity. According to another embodiment of the invention, a method for spanning and a bridging agent with the ability to span information requests and/or queries between multiple, semi-private peer or other networks is disclosed.